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CAI REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
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DATE: 13 AUGUST 1974

SUBJECT: QADHAFI CHARGES US INVOLVEMENT IN LIBYAN FEUD WITH
EGYPT

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LIBYAN'S PRESIDENT QADHAFI HAS LEVELLED A VEILED ACCUSATION
THAT THE US MAY HAVE PROMPTED EGYPT'S RECENT MOVES AGAINST TRIPOLI.
HE MADE THIS REMARK IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED EARLIER THIS WEEK
IN THE BEIRUT AND LIBYAN PRESS. WHILE SPECULATING ON WHETHER
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES COULD BE REPAIRED, QADHAFI
PONDERED THAT "PERHAPS AMERICA OR SOME OTHER PARTY" HAD INSTIGATED
CAIRO'S ACTIONS TO SUIT ITS OWN PURPOSES. IF THIS WERE THE CASE,
QADHAFI WARNED, RECONCILIATION WITH EGYPT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.

THE LIBYAN LEADER'S STATEMENT COULD BE SIMPLY AN EFFORT TO

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EXCUSE AN EMBARRASSING INTER-ARAB FEUD. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CHARGE MAY HAVE BEEN A RETORT TO SADAT'S SUGGESTION LAST WEEK THAT LIBYA WAS BEING USED UNWITTINGLY IN AN "IMPERIALIST PLAN TO DIVIDE THE ARAB EAST FROM THE ARAB WEST"--A POORLY DISGUISED REFERENCE TO TRIPOLI'S NEW COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIETS.

ALTHOUGH THE INTERVIEW MAY HAVE TAKEN PLACE SOME TIME AGO, ITS PUBLICATION IS A VIOLATION OF LAST WEEK'S PROPAGANDA TRUCE, AND IT MAY PROVOKE A RESPONSE FROM CAIRO. SADAT INTRODUCED THE THEME OF SUPERPOWER MANIPULATION OF THE FEUD, BUT HE PROBABLY WILL SEE DISADVANTAGES IN PURSUING IT. CAIRO IS AWARE OF ITS VULNERABILITY TO CHARGES OF COOPERATING TOO CLOSELY WITH THE US.

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